

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. P1388CIP1**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: Fifth-Wheel Hitch-Release Lever and Hook

the specification of which (check one) is attached hereto.

was filed on: _____ as patent application serial number _____
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations sec. 1.56. In the case that the present application is a continuation-in-part application, I further acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations sec. 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of the present application. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code s119 of any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Codes, sec. 119 and sec. 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, sec. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, sec. 156(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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